

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

February 19, 2010 to March 19, 2010

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

US Department of Housing and Urban Development

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) proposes to provide mortgage insurance under the HUD Section 220 NC program to M&T Realty Capital Corporation, for the construction of the proposed Beach Centre located at Laskin Road and Pacific Avenue in the City of Virginia Beach. The HUD program provides mortgage insurance for multifamily rental housing in urban renewal areas, code enforcement areas, and other areas where local governments have undertaken designated revitalization activities. The property currently consists of ten, one- and two-story commercial buildings constructed in the 1950's on approximately 2.975 acres of land. All existing buildings will be demolished prior to site development. The new construction will consist of three, five-story buildings containing commercial space on the ground floor and 178 multi-family units on the upper floors. A 6-story parking garage will be constructed. HUD has submitted a Federal Consistency Determination (FCD) that finds the proposed project consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) (previously called the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program).

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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